Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The Congress, by Joint Resolution, has designated October of each year as "National Disability Employment Awareness Month"; and,

Whereas, This month provides the opportunity for all Americans to recognize the tremendous value and potential of people with disabilities, and to recommit and dedicate ourselves to the empowerment, integration, employment, and full inclusion of every one of our citizens; and,

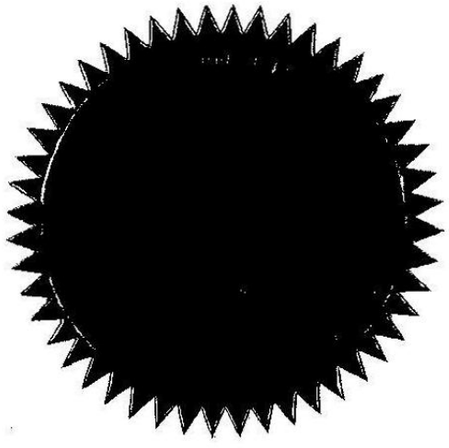
Whereas, People with disabilities reflect the diversity of our country and are members of every race, color, creed, and national origin, and offer varied and multiple proficiencies and competencies; and,

Whereas, We cannot afford, either morally or financially, to lose the contributions that people with disabilities bring, not only to the workplace but also to mainstream community life as an irreplaceable resource for our nation and our state.

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 2003, as

DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota, and I call on all citizens to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities that support and promote providing employment opportunities for people with disabilities. I further declare it to be the official policy of my administration to help promote full and equal employment opportunities for our fellow citizens with disabilities.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State